# MARYLAND STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE





#### **AGENDA**

- What is Clearinghouse?
- What is the MIRC Process?
- How do I submit an application?
- How do I review an application?
- Where do I get Help?
- Questions and Answers



# WHAT IS CLEARINGHOUSE?

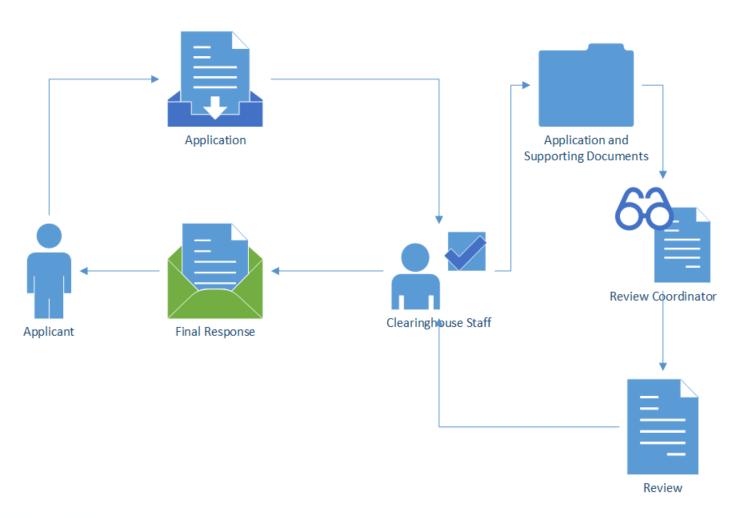


#### WHAT IS CLEARINGHOUSE?

- Helps to get approval for your grant and/or project, minimizing duplications of effort, and conflicting actions
- Identifies and addresses potential project inconsistencies with State, regional and local plans, programs and objectives.
- Promotes smart development policies which are consistent with State policies goals and objectives.



#### **CLEARINGHOUSE PROCESS**





#### ROLE: CLEARINGHOUSE APPLICANTS

- Responsible for timely notifying the Clearinghouse and submitting a <u>complete</u> application to the Clearinghouse.
- Responsible for coordinating with Clearinghouse during the intergovernmental review.
- Include the State Application Identifier, (SAI) on all correspondence.
- Inform Clearinghouse if their project is approved or disapproved.



#### ROLE: CLEARINGHOUSE

- Coordinate and timely facilitate the Intergovernmental Review process.
- Provide opportunity for consultation among affected State and Local Officials.
- Help applicant to achieve project consistency.
- Be a project repository.



#### Role: Review Coordinator

- Receive and disseminate notification and Information internally.
- Serve as a liaison among Clearinghouse and your agency.
- Formulate comments that reflect agency views, plans and policies.
- Timely get <u>one</u> composite agency response to the Clearinghouse.



#### REVIEW COORDINATORS CHECKLIST

- ■Which areas of my agency might be affected if the proposal is approved and/or financed by the funding agency?
- ☐ Are there environmental implications related to the project?
- Which divisions within my agency will have an interest in seeing the materials to evaluate compliance with agency programs, policies and objectives?



#### REVIEW COORDINATORS CHECKLIST

- ■Will this program have any implications on smart growth initiatives, where appropriate?
- Does this program affect any current initiatives specific to my agency and in place at the time the application is submitted.
- ■Does this proposal involve the use of State-owned property and if so will it change the use of that Property?





- The Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination(MIRC) Process
- Informs, collects and transmits the views of State, Regional and Local Maryland officials on:
  - Applications for Federal & State financial Assistance
  - Direct Federal and State Development
  - Planning and other activities.



#### • Why Submit Projects?

- It is the law.
  - Certain Federal Agencies will not fund a project without it having been circulated through the MIRC process
- Insures uses that are consistent with all of the State, Federal and Local programs and policies.
- State agencies only, should copy their State Agency Grants
   Contact on all projects submitted to the Clearinghouse. For a
   listing see the following:
  - http://grants.maryland.gov/Pages/maryland-contacts.aspx



#### • When to Submit Projects?

- Immediately before submission of the application or at the same time – when submitting, substantially modifying or amending an application.
- State agency must submit an application for any request involving federal financial assistance.
- When intergovernmental review is to serve as the public participation component of a grant application



#### • When to Submit Projects?

- Proposed activities that also require federal and state government review:
  - Coastal Zone Management Act
  - National Historic Preservation Act
  - National Environmental Policy Act
  - Maryland Environmental Policy Act
  - Environmental Assessments & Environmental Impact Statements prepared in accordance with NEPA.
  - Environmental Assessment forms and reports prepared in accordance with MEPA.
  - Applications or activities requiring State or Local Government review.
  - Federal plans and direct federal development.



- What to Submit for Financial Assistance Projects?
  - Grant application summary or Federal Form 424 (SF- 424)
  - Federal program number and title, (CFDA).
  - Type, purpose, scope, explanation, and justification of proposal
  - Area to be served
  - Budget and funding sources
  - Staffing
  - Location (vicinity map)



- What to Submit for Real Property Projects?
  - Completed Real Property Report Form
    - Found on website and new Application
  - Location Maps
  - Proposed Action:
    - Excess Real Property
    - Change In Use/Lease
    - Demolition
    - Easement



- What files should I submit and in what format?
  - Electronic Media is required in the form of a PDF
  - Documents can be sent via mail on CD or eMail.
  - No non-electronic copies will be accepted.



# Incomplete submittals add more time to the review process.



#### • Who gets informed about my application?

- Notification, information and a review request is sent electronically via e-mail and document links to:
  - Each impacted State agency
  - The impacted local jurisdiction and
  - Impacted regional councils.





- Currently open to State agencies only
- Request an account from Clearinghouse
  - mdp.clearinghouse@maryland.gov
  - Subject Line: "E-MIRC Account Request"
  - Include:
    - Valid state government e-mail address
    - Your first and last name
    - Your agency name
  - Additional contact information helpful
- Password will be sent via e-mail



#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

EMIRC: Project Submission				
User Name:				
Password:				
Remembe	r me next time.			
Forgot my pa	<u>Log In</u>			

- Password is sent to you via E-mail from Clearinghouse
- Don't remember it? Use "Forgot my password" link & new one will be sent to your e-mail address



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

Add a New Application	Return to Project Listing	Log Out	Manage Account	
Applications/Projects Submitted to Clearinghouse				
You have not submitted an application.				

- A first time user will see this screen. No project has been entered.
- Other users will a screen similar to this. Note the Status column.

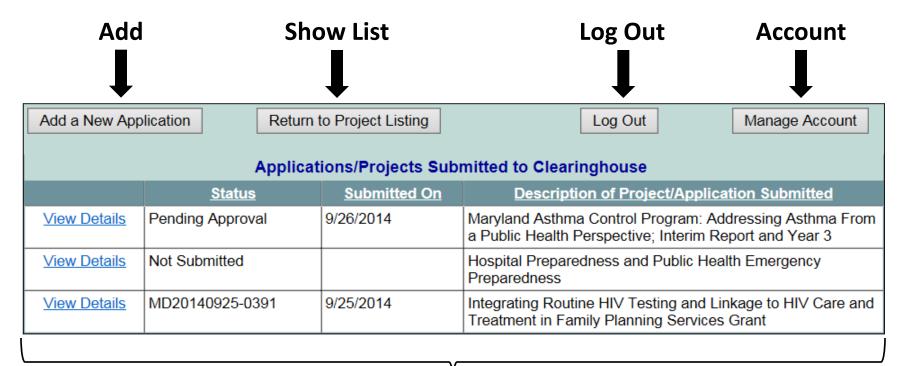
Add a New Application Return to Project Listing Log Out Manage Account  Applications/Projects Submitted to Clearinghouse				
	<u>Status</u>	Submitted On	Description of Project/Application Submitted	
<u>View Details</u>	Pending Approval	9/26/2014	Maryland Asthma Control Program: Addressing Asthma From a Public Health Perspective; Interim Report and Year 3	
<u>View Details</u>	Not Submitted		Hospital Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Preparedness	
<u>View Details</u>	MD20140925-0391	9/25/2014	Integrating Routine HIV Testing and Linkage to HIV Care and Treatment in Family Planning Services Grant	



#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

#### **Simple Menus**







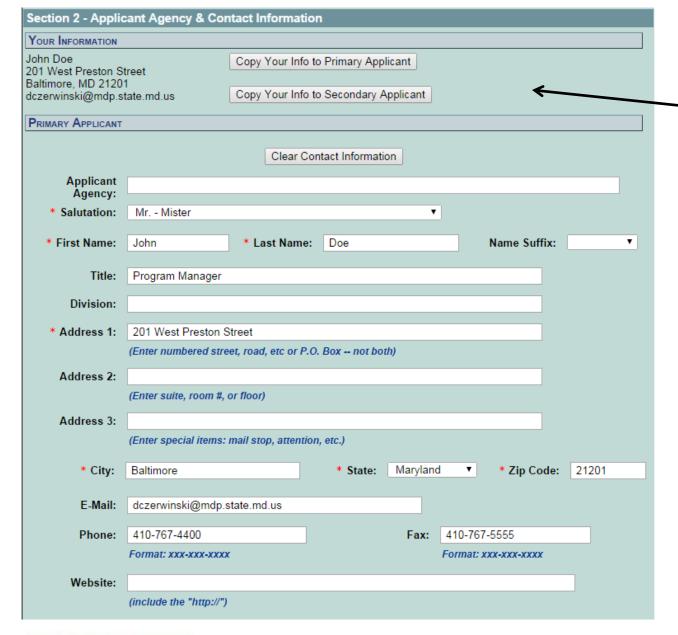
**GRANTS** 

# HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

	Status or State	Application Identifier (SAI	Number: Not Su	ubmitted	
SAVE C	Changes 🗖	Cancel Changes 💢	Subm	nit to Clearinghouse 🕙	
Section 1 - General	Processing Info	rmation & Project Descript	ion		
PROJECT INFORMATION:					
* Project Category:  * Description:	Blank				EDUCATION PROGRAMS ENTITLEMENT BLOCK GRANT: ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY HEALTH HOUSING HUMAN RESOURCES JUSTICE
Located in a PFA?  Project Specific Add  Line 1:	dress: If this proje	No or Unknown ect/application affects a specific street address ONLY)	address, please enter	the items below:	Above shows a
Line 2: Line 3: City:		State:	•	Zip Code:	partial list of options to choose
Election Districts:	Congressional:	0 Districts: 1 thru 8. Zero is unknown	Legislative:	O Districts: 1 thru 47. Zero is unknown	from





Account holder's information

This section for the primary applicant's information

You may copy the account holder's information to this section by using the copy buttons



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

SECONDARY OR CO-	APPLICANT
Applicant Agenc	у:
Salutation:	▼
First Name:	Last Name: Name Suffix: ▼
Title:	
Division:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
Address 3:	
City:	State: ▼ Zip Code:
E-Mail:	
Phone:	Fax:
Website:	enter in 410-767-4490 format enter in 410-767-4490 format  (include the "http://")

Enter co-applicant in this area, if applicable

You may copy the account holder's information to this section by using the copy buttons

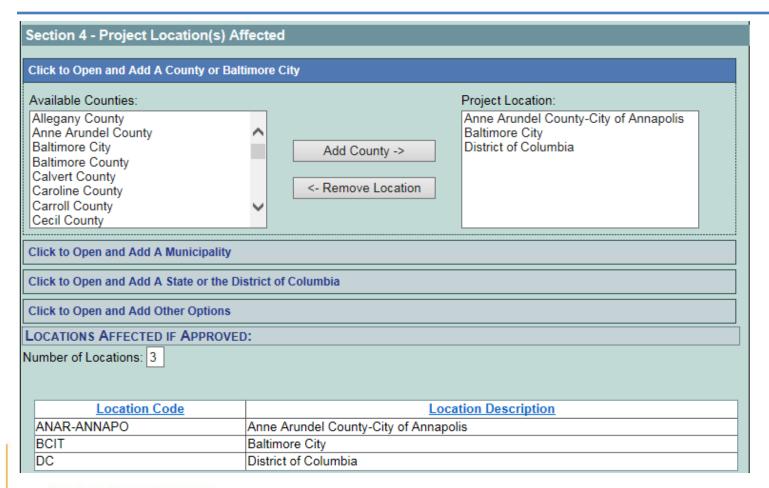


https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

Section 3 - Approving Author	Applies to		
CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC A	federally		
CFDA #:	▼	CFDA Letter:	funded projects
APPROVING AUTHORITY (FEDERAL OF	r State):		
* Agency Name:		· ·	Approving Authority for
FUNDING AND SOURCES:			,
Sources:	Requested Dollars	_	any project
Federal \$:	0		
State \$:	0		Dollars
Local \$:	0		requested
Other \$:	0		
Funding Period:	Starts: Ends:	<del>-</del>	Requested funding period



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/



4 panels shown

Click to expand

Select from options on left

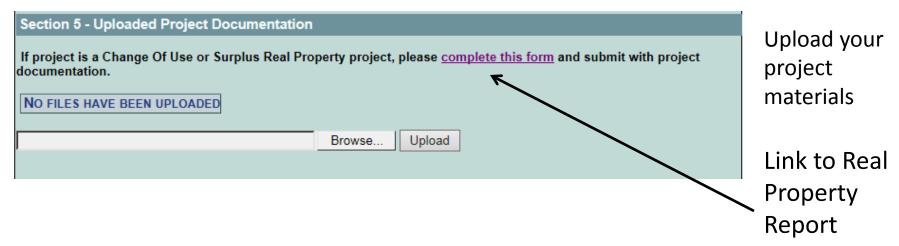
Press "Add"

Your selection on right

For Statewide projects, select Maryland



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/



- Include the same materials submitted to the approving agency
- Preferred document format: PDF
- Preferred upload method is zip file of pdf documents
- If not zipped, each document must be uploaded individually



#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

#### Form Buttons

SAVE Changes

Cancel Changes XX

Submit to Clearinghouse 🗹





Saves the record.

**Does not** submit it to Clearinghouse.

Record remains editable.

Status is **Not Submitted**.



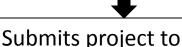
Cancels changes made.

Does not discard the record.

Record returned to its previous condition.

Record remains editable.

Status remains the same.



Clearinghouse.

You receive confirmation via e-mail.

Record cannot be edited.

Status is **Pending**.

Status changes to the **SAI** # when Clearinghouse accepts.

Sustainable Attainable



#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

#### After Submission, What Happens Next

- Clearinghouse reviews submission for completeness.
- If accepted:
  - E-mail notification is sent the project contacts listed.
  - Review process takes normal track.
- If not accepted:
  - Clearinghouse will notify you of what more is needed
  - Could result in a delay in starting the review process



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/

#### **Did You Know Clearinghouse Has A Public Website?**

http://planning.maryland.gov/emircpublic

- View any project submitted within the last 3 years
  - Date review opened & closed
  - Which agencies were contacted for comment
  - View project documentation
  - Other processing information
- Site is searchable



#### How do I review an Application?



#### How to review an Application

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### Log In Screen

# Electronic Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination Log In Email Address: Password: Remember me next time. Log In Forgot my Password

- At least 8 characters long
- Must include 1 character that is not a letter or number
- We do not store passwords
- Use "Forgot my Password" link
- New Password will be sent to the authorized e-mail address

Limited to 5 unsuccessful attempts before being locked out



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### **Forgot Password Screen**

Forgot Your Password?								
Simply fill in your email address below and we will assign you a new random password via email. Once you log back in you may choose your own password by clicking the Manage Account link in the upper-right.								
Email Address:								
	Submit							

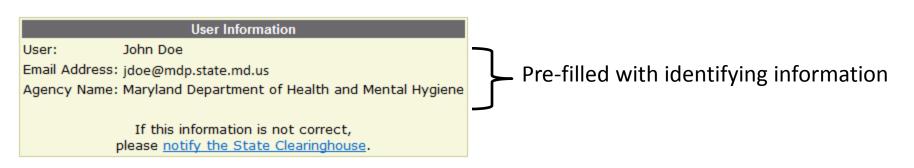
Return to the Login Page

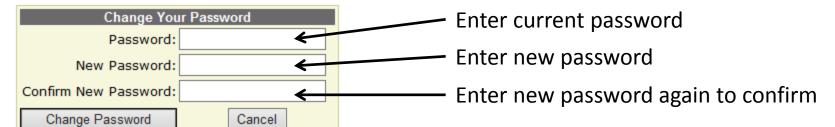
- Enter your e-mail address
- Click submit
- New password is sent
- Passwords sent ONLY to valid, authorized e-mail address



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### **Change Password Screen**





Return

Click to save new password

#### **Password requirements**:

- Must be at least 8 characters long
- Must include 1 character not a letter nor number
- Example: 0#Em1RzY







## 1) Menu Items

- Un-reviewed projects
- Completed projects
- Reports
- Help
- Plans

## 2) Account Items

- Identifies logged in user
- Provides e-mail link to request reviewer change
- Change password link
- Link to log In page



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

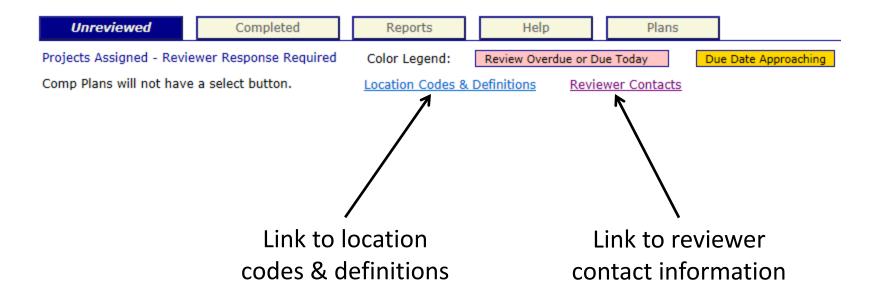


- Frequently Asked Questions
- How to change password
- Explanation of the screen where comments are entered
- Response code definitions



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

## **Unreviewed Projects Screen**





https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

## **Unreviewed Projects Screen**

	<u>SAI #</u>	DAYS	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DOCUMENTS
<u>Select</u>	MD20140804-0661	18	9/11/2014	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Phase I Environmental Review for Park View: To Acquire and Rehabilitate 81 Affordable Elderly Housing Units Located at 8720 Ridge Road, Ellicott City, Howard County, MD	HOWD	Get Documents
<u>Select</u>	MD20140804-0662	18	9/11/2014	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Phase I Environmental Review for Berger Square: To Construct 48 Affordable Rental Housing Units located at 1475, 1480 & 1484 Berger Street, Odenton, MD, Anne Arundel County (Prior: MD20140618-0517)	ANAR	Get Documents
<u>Select</u>	MD20140904-0724	-2	10/1/2014	Maryland Aviation Administration	Final Environmental Assessment and Hazardous Materials Report: Proposed Demolition of Sheraton Four Points Hotel at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall), Linthicum, Maryland (Prior: MD20140602-0443)	ANAR	Get Documents
<u>Select</u>	MD20140904-0725	-2	10/1/2014	United States Postal Service	Land Exchange between the State and The U.S. Postal Service: contingent upon at the State taking an option to purchase land, and constructing a new Vehicle Maintenance Facility: State to receive +/- 2.562 acres with improvements	BCIT	<u>Get</u> <u>Documents</u>
<u>Select</u>	MD20140912-0743	-10	10/9/2014	URS Corporation	Removal of Obstructions to the 14 CFR Part 77 Surfaces of Runway 4-22 (Construction) at Easton/Newnam Field Airport (CFR - Code of Federal Regulations)	TLBT- EASTON	Get Documents
Select	MD20140912-0744	-10	10/9/2014	Department of Information Technology (DOIT)	Proposed Construction of One (1) New 348-foot Self Supporting Microwave/Radio Tower and Two (2) 12x38x10-ft Equipment Shelters at the Blooming Rose Road SHA Tower Site - Intersection of 1-68 & Blooming Rose Road,	GRRT- FRIEND	Get Documents

Click "Select" to view details and/or edit

Link to review documents



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

## **Unreviewed Projects Screen**

Projects Assigned - Reviewer Response Required

Color Legend:

Review Overdue or Due Today

Due Date Approaching

Projects listed in order of when the response is due: Overdue, Current, Approaching

#### Review Overdue or Due Today

- Review is overdue
- Review is due today
- Late review comments may result in responding to the applicant late with an overall determination of the project

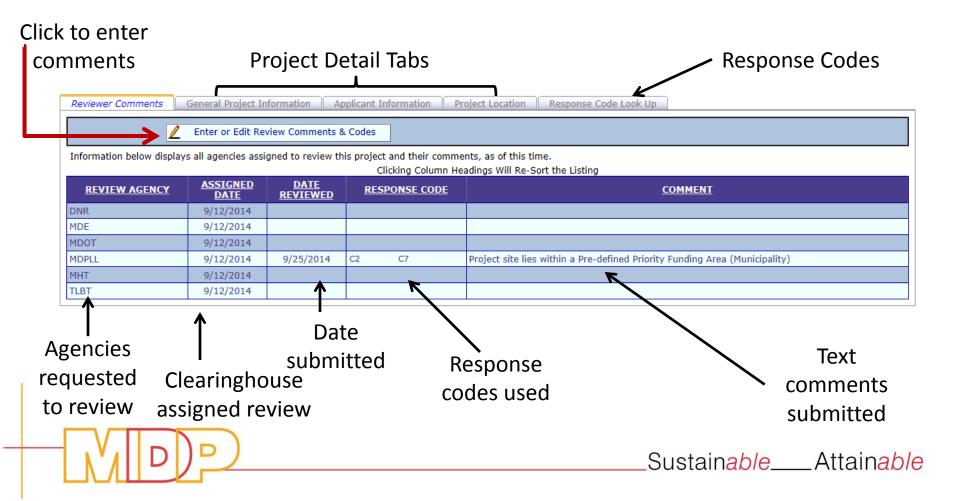
#### Due Date Approaching

- Review is due with the next 10 days
- "Days" column will show negative number



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### **Details -- View of Reviewers Selected & Comments Submitted**



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

		Edit S	creen		Auto filled
SAI Number	MD20140912-0743	Date Assigned	9/12/2014	Date Reviewed	
Agency Comment					^
			er addition		
		~			
Agency Review Codes	□c1 □c2 □c3	□c4 □c5 □c6 □c	27		Save Review
	□ P1 □ P2 □ P3	□ P4 □ P5 □ P6 □ P	77		X Cancel Review
	□R1 □R2 □R3	□R4 □R5 □R6 □N	lo Comment		View Code Definitions
F	REQUIRED	٦	J		
Choose	e only 1 of these			_	Response code
res	ponse codes	Once review moves t	is saved, th to "Complet		definitions available
				Sustai	inableAttainable

https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

## **Completed Screen**

Projects Assigned - Review Completed <u>or</u> Closed					t, click a button: dar year, select: [		ed or Closed	O Reviewed	I ○Not Reviev	ved
	SAI#	<u>APPLICANT</u>		PROJECT DES	CRIPTION		REVIEWED	CLOSED	LOCATION	DOCUMENTS
View	MD20140825-0712	National Capital Planning Commission	Plannin Collecti	States Holocaust Memori g the Construction of a n ons Center: replaces faci that is owned	ew Conservation a	and	9/24/2014	9/29/2014	PGEO	Get Documents
View	MD20140825-0711	Department of the Air Force	Signific Constru Enclose	nvironmental Assessmen ant Impact / Finding of N action and Operation of a ad Firing Range at Joint B (Prior: MD20130920-070	No Practicable Alter New 21 Point, Ful Base Andrews-Nava	rnative: Ily	9/24/2014	9/26/2014	PGEO	Get Documents

- Similar to Unreviewed screen
- Select "View" to see project details
- List can be filtered by
  - Completed, Reviewed or Not Reviewed
  - Calendar Year
- Record can be edited until Clearinghouse closes the review process



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

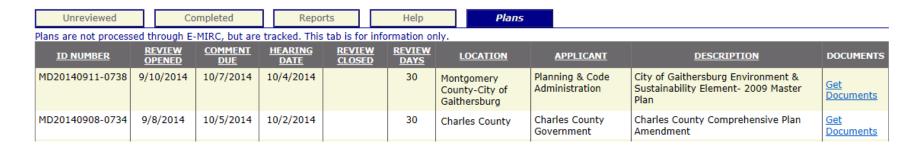
### **Reports Screen**

Completed Unreviewed Reports Help Plans Available Reports: REPORT NAME REPORT DESCRIPTION Database Instructions (PDF format) Print version of database instructions JS List of codes and their definitions Location Codes Frequently Asked Questions (PDF format) Fact sheet for reviewers Response Code Definitions (PDF format) Standard response codes and their definitions Reviewer Contacts List of reviewers and their contact information



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### **Plans Screen**



- This section includes comprehensive local and functional local plans
- Plans are tracked through E-MIRC
- Review comments cannot be submitted via this database
- Comprehensive plans have a completely different review process
- This section is for information only



https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/xemirc/

#### **Did You Know?**

Clearinghouse has a public website that is searchable http://planning.maryland.gov/emircpublic

There is a new site to submit projects/applications for review https://webapps.mdp.state.md.us/apps/Emirc\_Intake/



# WHERE DO I GET HELP?





## WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

The Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance Maryland Department of Planning 301 W. Preston Street Suite 1104 Baltimore, MD 21201-2305 410-767-4490 (v) 410-767-4480 (f) MDP.Clearinghouse@Maryland.gov

http://planning.maryland.gov/OurWork/GrantResources.shtml



Planning.Maryland.gov

# **Q&A**









- Established by the 1997 Smart Growth Act.
- Directs future development and State investment into established areas supported by existing public services and infrastructure.
- Protects our rural and natural resource lands.



# REVIEW OF PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS



- PFAs govern the expenditure of State \$\$ ONLY.
- Funding for "Growth related projects" is prohibited outside of PFAs.
- Local and Private sector spending is not governed by PFAs.



# **GROWTH RELATED PROJECTS**

- All Major Transportation Projects.
- DHCD programs for Home ownership, multifamily housing, Neighborhood Revitalization.
- DBED programs for industrial loans, industrial land development, small business development,
   One Maryland, energy financing.



## **GROWTH RELATED PROJECTS**

- MDE programs for sewerage facilities, biological nutrient removal, water supply facilities, septic system problem areas.
- DBM Capital Budget (not including legislative initiative bond bills).
- DGS leases and land acquisitions.



